



High-Profile Information Technology Project Status Report

Department: Children and Families (DCF)	
Project Name: BRITS	
Business Sponsor: Fay Simonini	
Date of Report: 7/13/2018	Reporting for Quarter: FY18 Q4
Project Start Date: 4/2017	Planned Implementation Date: 6/2020
Estimated Project Cost: \$6,575,000	Amount Provided Through Master Lease: 0

Project Description

The BRITS project aims to modernize the fraud determination screens of the mainframe CARES system. With this modernization, the system will be rewritten in a web-based architecture that will form the foundation of the whole public assistance collections platform, which collected over \$12 million in 2016.

Phase I of BRITS was introduced in November of 2016 and has received two minor version updates during 2017 to enhance usability and functionality.

The result of BRITS phase 1 was a baseline referral system to collect, process, and display referrals of potential improper payments and queue them for further investigation. This module serves both DHS and DCF for the programs of FoodShare, Medicaid, Child Care and W-2. The system will be further developed during future phases to address the on-going needs of all programs including collections, OIG functions, and the emerging program integrity business processes. This system, with increased functionality throughout its lifecycle, will serve to raise overall collections through increased claims establishment. The current Phase 2 development effort is focusing on further refinement of the Phase I functionality and introducing claims creation and collection functions.

Project Funding –

FED \$2,630,000 PR \$3,945,000

Project Status – Determine the status for the Schedule and Budget categories below based on the guidelines on the right and described in more detail on page 2 of this document.

Insert an X in the column that best describes the status of the category. Add comments for that category as needed.

Additional comments are not required if the status is Green, but if a category has a status of Yellow or Red, describe the issues or problems and what actions the agency is taking to address them.

STATUS COLOR INDICATORS	
Green	On target as planned
Yellow	Encountering issues (e.g., Schedule or Budget over by 10% to 25%)
Red	Encountering problems (e.g., Schedule or Budget over by 25% or more)

Project Status Categories	Green	Yellow	Red
<p>Schedule Status</p> <p>The Executive Steering Committee (DHS and DCF leadership) made the decision (October 2017) to move forward with Phase 2 focusing on claims and collections functionality. Enhancements to version 1.1 (deployed July 2017) will be focused on at a later date (TBD) following Phase 2. Phase 2 application development for Claims is in progress. Dependencies to have program areas and DHS write web services is under discussion.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Budget Status</p> <p>The BRITS actual spend is within 10% of projected spend for first quarter SFY18.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Summarize Any Completed Major Tasks or Project Phases:

Per the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) decision, the focus of the BRITS team has been on development of Phase 2 claims functionality and production support as needed. The ESC continues to monitor for any escalations brought to them during the course of Phase 2. The Food Share and Medicaid claim establishment is moving into user acceptance testing.

Summarize Any Significant Project Changes Affecting Schedule, Budget or Scope:

For each change, describe what the change involved, when it was approved, and the reasons behind the approved change.

Phase 2 development, which includes claim creation and collection functions continues. The BRITS Executive Steering Committee approved additional work items to improve Phase 1 functionality, which will delay the Phase II delivery by four to nine months.

Additional Comments or Issues (optional):

If you have any additional overall status comments about the project (e.g., project news, accomplishments, emerging challenges or risks that could affect the project), please provide them here.

The Management Team Forum (MTF) and Executive Steering Committee (ESC) voted against accelerating the BRITS Phase 2 implementation date due to resource and inter-dependency constraints.

Project Status Category Guidelines

Schedule Status

Green – Indicates that the project or phase is on track for the targeted implementation date.

Yellow – Indicates that the project or phase may be falling behind and analysis needs to be done to determine if the project can recover and still achieve the targeted implementation date, or if adjustments must be made to that date.

Red – Indicates that the project or critical tasks have fallen behind schedule, and corrective action must be taken to still achieve the targeted implementation date or that date must be changed.

Budget Status

Green – Currently on target with project budget.

Yellow – Project is over budget by 10 to 25%.

Red – Project is over budget by 25% or more.